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ESTONIAN KOLKHOZ VILLAGE PLANNED

NOVOSIBIRSK DRIVES AGAINST TRACTOR INEFFICIENCY -- Sovetskaya Sibir', No 93, 13 May 49

The Executive Committee of the Novosibirsk Oblast Soviet of Workers' Deputies and the Bureau of the Oblast Committee VKP(b) have found that the utilization of the tractor park in the current spring sowing season is extremely unsatisfactory in many Novosibirsk MTSs. At the height of the season, 12 percent of the tractor park was idle for various reasons. The average daily volume of plowing of a 15-horsepower tractor is only 4.9 hectares instead of the standard 8 hectares. An investigation made by the Oblast Agricultural Administration revealed that only 50 percent, or less, of the tractor park is being used in a number of MTSs. A considerable number of these tractors are idle because of irregular supplies of fuel, lubricating oil, and water; inefficient organization of work; low labor productivity, particularly on the part of young tractor operators; and inefficient maintenance.

The executive committee and the Party committee have ordered the rayon executive committees and Party committees, MTSs directors and their deputies for political units, and Zhukovskiy, chief of the Oblast Agricultural Administration, to correct the above deficiencies in MTS operation. The committees particularly stressed the need for special control of the work of tractors in the night shifts and for operation of the entire tractor park at full capacity, for better organization of fuel storage and strict account of fuel consumption to prevent waste and theft, and improvement in the system of fuel supply. A drive must be made against all cases of damage to tractors and machinery, with the guilty persons brought to strict accountability. The Oblast Agricultural Administration is ordered to strengthen its control on the utilization of the tractor park and to conduct systematic investigations of tractor work by taking photographs during the work periods. Secretaries of rayon Party committees are ordered to send their active workers directly into the tractor brigades to lend them assistance.

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## TRACTOR BRIGADE LEADER ARRESTED -- Sovetskaya Sibir', No 93, 13 May 49

The public prosecutor of Kuybyshevskiy Rayon, Novosibirsk Oblast, has found that Luk'yanenko, brigade leader of a tractor unit at the Gzhatskaya MTS, has continually plowed without using colters. On 2 and 3 May, instead of kolkhoz fields, he plowed truck garden fields. Due to his poor leadership, the tractor unit has been completing only 9 - 10 percent of its daily quota and has not been working at night. The plowing plan in the kolkhoz was not fulfilled because of Luk'yanenko's inefficiency.

The public prosecutor of Novosibirsk Oblast has issued a warrant for the arrest of Luk'yanenko and has taken court action against him.

## ESTONIA TO BUILD FIRST KOLKHOZ VILLAGE -- Izvestiya, No 141, 17 Jun 49

In the spring of 1949, about 3,000 kolkhozes, which included 71 percent of all peasant holdings, were organized in the Estonian SSR. The formation of kolkhozes raised the question of building kolkhoz settlements. Up to the present time, Estonian farmers had lived on individual farms, isolated from each other.

Members of the "Partizan" Farm Artel, Vyru Uyezd, were the first to carry out a decision to begin construction of a kolkhoz village. Experts from the Ministry of Agriculture Estonian SSR helped to work out the general building plan, which was recently approved at a general meeting of kolkhoz farmers.

The center of the first kolkhoz village will consist of a square, surrounded by the kolkhoz administration, a club, a public eating place, a kindergarten, and public nursery. A wide street planted with trees will extend from the square in both directions, along which the kolkhoz homes will be situated. Near the kolkhoz administration building a public orchard will be planted. Plans are also being made for a kolkhoz park.

At a distance from the kolkhoz dwellings, divided by a tree belt, the farm operation zone of the kolkhoz village will be located. This will include the cattle sheds, stables, poultry farm, various storage buildings for grain and potatoes, etc. The kolkhoz settlement, including all public service facilities, will be supplied with electricity.

After completing the spring planting, kolkhoz farmers have begun to make preparations for the building work.

## IRRIGATION PROJECTS DEVELOP IN KAZAKHSTAN -- Izvestiya, No 141, 17 Jun 49

Alma-Ata -- Construction of irrigation systems in Taldy-Kurgan Oblast has been expanding during 1949. An 8-kilometer canal has been built in Taldy-Kurganskiy Rayon. This canal supplied water to 10,000 hectares of new crops.

Kolkhoz farmers of Karagal'skiy Rayon are building the Kushuk-Kal'pinskiy Canal, which will irrigate 12,000 hectares. Two canals are being built in Kirovskiy and Burlya-Tobinskiy rayons. The work is well mechanized.

Thanks to the new irrigation system, kolkhozes of Taldy-Kurgan Oblast will cultivate 30,000 hectares of new land in 1949.

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